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vention and recrudescence of yellow fever, and upon prevention of the introduction from Mexico, I have the honor to report as follows:

As the Bureau is aware, from telegrams from Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, there have been 2 cases pronounced yellow fever in Laredo and vicinity. The first, or Laredo case, was seen by the attending physician, Doctor Lowry, on Friday, March 11, in the third day of disease, and was immediately screened by him. The second case was not seen until March 18, although the patient was taken sick on March 14, at Minera. This case was never screened, having been en route between Minera, Palafox, and Laredo until seen by Doctor Frick.

Disinfection, as reported by Doctor Frick, was thoroughly done in the localities occupied by these patients.

These are the only cases so far discovered, and the house to house inspections have not revealed any others.

There will probably be other recrudescences from time to time, but I believe that with an energetic antimosquito campaign, such as is being inaugurated, in conjunction with a daily house-to-house inspection, there will be no spread from these.

In regard to the prevention of introduction from Mexico, I believe the present system of inspection is as efficient as any line of guards would be, unless an absolute nonintercourse quarantine were declared; and even then the guarding of the frontier in this locality would be extremely difficult, because of the number of fords and skiffs in the river.

The stationing of an officer of the Service in Monterey, Mexico, to keep the Bureau informed of conditions there, is, in my opinion, necessary.

In regard to present conditions in Monterey, I would say that Doctor Martínez, the city health officer of Monterey, called upon me yesterday. He stated that there was now no fever there; that much post-epidemic disinfection had been done in that city; that during the coming season a five days' detention would be imposed on all nonimmunes coming from Tampico to Monterey; and that all freight and cars would be twice disinfected en route from Tampico to Monterey—this latter over the Monterey and Mexican Gulf (Mexican Central) Railroad.

Passengers coming from Tampico via San Luis Potosi, however, were not provided for in these plans.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

Suggested amendment to city ordinance relative to precautions against yellow fever.

LAREDO, TEX., *March 25, 1904.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Bureau letter of the 21st instant, transmitting outline plan of operations considered necessary at the present time in Laredo, and which will be put in operation as rapidly as possible.

Part of the matter contained in the memorandum in question is covered by city ordinance, passed October 30, 1903—copy of which is inclosed (inclosure No. 1); and in addition, I have requested that the council pass an ordinance covering the matters in the inclosed memorandum (inclosure No. 2).

It has been found that the 21 inspectors at first put on were not sufficient to quite cover the entire city daily, so that the force will be to-day increased to 25, which, it is believed, will be ample for the city proper.

Very little opposition to inspections is being manifested, and I have been assured by the city authorities and the business men's league of their hearty cooperation and desire to assist in any manner.

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Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Inclosure No. 1.]

AN ORDINANCE for the prevention and suppression of yellow fever and other contagious and infectious diseases, having the mosquito as one of if not the only means of transmitting such disease from person to person.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Laredo:

SECTION 1. That all wells, cisterns, tanks, reservoirs, barrels, tubs, vats, pools, lakes, ponds, puddles, and other receptacles holding and containing water, within the incorporated limits of the city of Laredo, other than those in which the water therein contained is coated and kept coated with oil, is hereby declared a public nuisance.

SEC. 2. Any person, firm, company, or corporation having any of the water receptacles mentioned in section one of this ordinance on his, her, their, or its place, premises, or upon any lot or block of land under his, her, their, or its control within the incorporated limits of said city, which contains water, who shall fail or refuse to cover the surface of such water with oil and keep the same so covered with oil, shall be deemed guilty of a nuisance, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00, and each day's refusal, neglect, or failure shall constitute a separate offense.

SEC. 3. It is hereby made the duty of the sanitary inspector of said city, together with such assistant inspectors as he may appoint, to enter the house or premises of any inhabitant of said city and inspect and disinfect the same, and for this purpose may use all such force as may be necessary to effect such entry, inspection, and disinfection.

SEC. 4 The city, county, and State health physicians and the several physicians of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service of the United States and their aids and assistants, while engaged in the treatment and suppression of any contagious or infectious disease in said city, are hereby vested with the same powers and authority delegated to the sanitary inspectors of said city and his assistants by the third section of this ordinance.

SEC. 5. Any person, firm, company, or corporation who shall refuse permission to any of the officers, physicians, or their assistants mentioned in the third and fourth sections of this ordinance to inspect his, her, their, or its house or premises, shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum, not less than \$5 nor more than \$25.

SEC. 6. This ordinance is cumulative to that of all other ordinances heretofore passed and now in force on the subject upon which it treats.

SEC. 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

AMADOR SANCHES, *Mayor.*

Attest:

A. R. GARCIA, *Secretary.*

[Inclosure No. 2.]

Memorandum of ordinance suggested to be passed by city council extending and amending ordinance of October 30, 1903.

1. Requiring all physicians and householders to report to the city health officer, without delay, every case of fever, of any character and from whatever cause, coming within their knowledge, and prescribing penalties for noncompliance.

2. Requiring all cases as described in paragraph 1 to be covered immediately with

a mosquito netting until its removal is authorized by city health officer, or his representative, and prescribing penalties for noncompliance.

3. Making it a finable offense for any householder to have on his premises the larvæ of mosquitoes, and requiring either oiling or screening of water containers, to prevent breeding of mosquitoes.

4. Authorizing the health officer to remove cases suspected of being yellow fever to a fever sanatorium, when, in his opinion, such cases can not be efficiently treated and screened at the patient's house.

(See P. H. R., March 25, 1904, p. 516.)

Reports of inspection and instructions to officers.

LAREDO, *March 31, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Inspected to-day 2,279 premises and treated 1,191 water containers. Hamilton investigated 4 sick.

FRICK.

LAREDO, *April 1, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Returned with Sauvignet from Austin. Inspected to-day 2,360 premises and treated 1,102 water containers.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, *April 2, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Inspected to-day 1,762 premises and treated 730 water containers. Entire city not covered on account of heavy rains. Four sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.

LAREDO, *April 3, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Inspected 2,153 premises and treated 1,166 water containers. Two sick investigated. Sending Cock inspect on Texas-Mexican Railroad as far as Alice. Request travel be authorized.

RICHARDSON.

WASHINGTON, *April 4, 1904.*

RICHARDSON, *Laredo, Tex.:*

Inspection trip Acting Assistant Surgeon Cock along line Texas-Mexican Railroad authorized. State health officer wires some dengue at Benavides.

WYMAN.

LAREDO, *April 4, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

During week ended April 2 fumigated 21 ranch houses containing 40 rooms and 10 houses containing 47 rooms, in Laredo. Inspected to-day 2,374 premises and treated 1,357 water containers; 6 sick investigated.

RICHARDSON.